Parish Press

October 2017 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG



<u>Fellowship</u> Hour



October Schedule

October 1

Finance Ministry

October 8

Caring Ministry

October 14

Hospitality Ministry

October 22

Worship & Music

October 29

Christian Education

October Love Offering Envelope is Disciples Fund

Final Pastor's Report Pine Street Lutheran Church September 19, 2017

In June of 2015 I was Called to be your Short Term Interim and then Called by Synod Council to be an Intentional Interim Pastor.

As an Intentional Interim the responsibilities included all duties of a regular pastor with the added responsibility of navigating this church through a period of adjustment in which systems and functioning of this church were examined to determine:

What is God calling this church to do? How shall we do it? What do we have to do it with?

The Executive Committee served as my guiding committee as I learned what was needed and where the emphasis needed to be placed before calling a new pastor.

Council made the determinations in Retreats in 2016 and in 2017. The areas they identified as not functioning as they should were not well received by some people. They were welcomed by others.

During these two years, I have spent my time in the following pastoral activity: Prayer, Study, Paperwork in the Office, Phone Calls, Conversations with people who walk in the church, Sermon Preparation, Worship Preparation, Teaching, Consultation with people from committees, Other concerns brought to the pastor.

I have reported to you each month the many ways in which I have served this church.

I have presided in weekly Eucharistic Worship, Introduced Advent and Lenten Vespers, Holy Week Worship as well as the community Cross Walk, Thanksgiving Worship and introduced a Christmas day worship.

There have been four baptisms, three new members, nineteen deaths. Five members have requested transfers to other churches.

I have formed and taught a Confirmation Class of four members plus two members of Oak Grove. I participated with them in several extra activities and met on Sunday evenings, feeding them and engaging them in conversation with the topics of Martin Luther's Catechism.

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Pine Street Lutheran Church has a new address! 621 Pine Street

Final Pastor's Report Continued...

I have regularly attended Ministry meetings including: Worship and Music, Christian Education, Caring, Hospitality, Finance, Property, Council and Executive Committee.

Two new groups were formed: Memorial Committee, Monthly Staff Meetings.

I attended WELCA meetings as I was able.

I attended your dinners and the festival.

I engaged with the local pastors in monthly DRAMA meetings; attended North Branch Conference Meetings, and built a working relationship with the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Danville.

I gave two organ lessons (no cost) to your organist. He declined further lessons.

I gave organ lessons to a student. (no cost)

I drove to Fort Wayne Indiana to give the music director an opportunity to meet with other Lutheran musicians and to have a unique educational opportunity.

Tom and I became members of this church and as church members contributed generously to the offering. We donated the organ in the Fellowship Hall as well as the television in the Fellowship Hall for the purpose of greater usability of that Hall and for the purpose of continuing education and fellowship activities.

The following Studies were offered:

September, 2015 Emergence Church – Phyllis Tickle A New Form of Christianity - We are in the process of birthing something..... Nothing will cease to be, but will exist in new forms.

Advent 2015 - The prophetic texts of Advent

Lent 2016 – The questions of Jesus in the Lenten Texts

April, May 2016 – The Lord's Prayer

Summer 2016 - Katarina Von Bora

August - September 2016 -- Lutheran Worship: What we do in Worship, and Why.

Fall 2016 - Luther

Advent – 2016 - Thirty-Two Points of Agreement between Lutherans and Roman Catholics

January, 2017 -- Table Talk, Martin Luther

Lent, 2017 – The Thirty-Two Points of Agreement between Lutherans and Roman Catholics

Summer, 2017 -- Wednesdays in the Gazebo: Romans – Paul's Letter to Christians in Rome

In October of 2016, this church discontinued the Purchase of Service with Trinity, Oak Grove. My full time salary was then diminished to .7, but I remained doing the work of a full time pastor.

I pray that this church will continue to serve our Lord and to be an influence in this community and in the lives of its members as the Body of Christ in this time and this place.

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be <u>October 26th</u> with the deadline to <u>order and pay by October 22nd</u>
The cost is \$4 for regular; \$5 for Tuna (90% of the proceeds goes to our Restoration Project and 10% goes to a charity or community project).

Thank you to all who purchase, take orders, and deliver hoagies!!



Children Sunday School Classes are back in session! 9:15-10:00 AM



We invite all children to join us for the following classes:
Primary Class (K-2nd grades)-Luther House 1st floor
Intermediate Class (3rd-6th grades)-Luther House 1st floor

Just a reminder that students can be dropped off and enter through the Luther House front door (left side) for the quickest route to classrooms. Look for our welcome sign!

The Adult Discussion group will continue in their same meeting place in the Social Room.

Please consider joining us and bring a friend!

Hospitality News

The Nudge of the Holy Spirit

Have you ever felt that Spirit-led nudge that pulls you to talk or pray with a stranger about their spiritual life? This kind of nudge is more than an intuition. It's the voice of God inviting you to join Him in His redemptive work. It's God speaking to you through the Holy Spirit. I think it starts off as a feeling of "there is something to do, but I'm afraid of taking that step." "I'm not sure this is of the Lord, so I'll just go on with my life." This kind of nudge grows heavier. It is a sense of intense spiritual heaviness that God is underlining this person for you. The longer you reflect on it, that feeling moves to "I think I have to do something and I better do it now." The Spirit of God is inviting you to participate in the work of drawing a person to Jesus. You might call it a prompting, a leading, a nudge, but it clearly seems to be "not you." Let us take the opportunity when we feel the nudge of the Holy Spirit. Blessings

Mary Ann Landi



Pine Street and Trinity Lutheran Councils have voted to no longer use bulk mailing for the monthly newsletters. It is becoming increasing impossible to come up with 200 bulk mailings for each church. This is the minimum requirement needed by the U.S. Post Office.

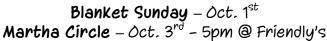
We will continue to post the monthly newsletter on the Pine Street Lutheran Web Page at www.pinestreetlutheran.org and email the newsletters to members of the congregation. If you do not have your email address listed with the church and wish to receive your newsletter via email, please send your email address to the church office.

A limited number of hard copies will be available in the Narthex each month and a copy of the newsletter will be delivered to all shut-ins.

This change will become effective October 31 and therefore, this newsletter will be the last one mailed to all members.

Calendar of Events for the ... Women of the ELCA





Women's Retreat – Oct. 7th Mount Luther **Kitchen Cleaning** – Oct. 10th Pine St. Lutheran

Ruth Circle - Oct. 11th -11:30AM @ Muffin Man

Blanket Drop off – Oct. 14th Buffalo Valley Commons-Lewisburg Mission Action Day – Oct. 21st – 11:30AM @ Synod



For those of us who don't know how to, or have the time to make quilts, the next best thing it to give a donation.

Our Synod is able to purchase blankets at a reduced price; making our dollars go further. Shipping is also a great expense as it cost approximately \$3.00 per blanket to ship oversees. Please consider making a donation of goods or money.

Thank you in advance.



THRIVENT DOLLARS

This month we received Thrivent Choice Dollars from *Jack Dyer*. THANK YOU for directing your Choice Dollars to our church!



DONATIONS FOR COMPUTERS

Appreciated!

Donations are being accepted towards a new office computer.

To make a donation, please use a blue pew envelopes and mark it "computer".

FOOD BANK NEEDS Cereal

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and money given by our church members. You may donate the food of the month above or any other non-perishable food item. All donations are distributed to those in need in our community.

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex near the coat room. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Food Bank distribution is on the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM, but help is also needed before and after distribution. If you have questions, please see *Roxanne Patton*,

Our Food Bank Representative



GLScrip Gift Cards order deadline October 8th

They work same as cash, make great gifts and for everyday use! Weis and giant are now only available through glscrip.

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE

http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org

Homebound Congregation Members

Sherry Achey, Joan Greely, Burrtell Metzger, Lillian Stahl, and Kathy Thomas.

Congregation Members

Sue Baylor, Hunter Beasley, Jean Crumb, Viola DeWald, Shirley Hawley, Irene Hinkle, Ann Hummer, Daniel Love, Nikki Morgan, Pauline Nedrow, Jennifer O'Brien, Ann Rice, Carl Rice, Jr, Art Sticklin, Lorene and Ryan Versluis.

Friends Of Congregation <u>Members</u>

Janet Allis,Francis Aikey, Susie Curry Balonek, James Bergenstock, Patsy Berns, Dylan Bobb, Benny Bordner, John Binder, Neina

PINE STREET LUTHERAN

Prayer List

Brady, Rhonda Brouse, Albert Churm; Ruth Crum, Nancy Curry, Kady Curry Davenport, Cody Davenport, Mary Ann Davis, Stan Davis, Idita Dennehy, Kathryn DiOrio, Cathi Flanagan, Joan Fulkroad, Connie Gibbs, Bill Gibson, Diane Hanson, Anna Hare, Harold Hauck, Linda and Gary Inch, Jackie Jackson, Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Alex Knox, Brenda Kile, Kelli Lambert, Joan Livziey, Nathan Lubeski, Cheanye McClincy, Gail Miles, Pastor Brian Moyer, Debbie Neitz, Emily Sue Nillson, Elroy Neitz, Britni Newman, Carl Pennell, Chris Perry, Mark Pontiac, Linda Pritchard, Tim Raup, Sandy Reabuck, Ralph

Reedy, Iris Reibsome, Ron Shipe, John Stoker, Mary Sweetra, Abby Thomas, Kole Torbush, Steve Treon, Leann Ulrick, Rod Vincent, Spencer Vincent, Kay Warner, Bert Williams, and Teresa Yatko

Special Military List

Jay Brennan; John Matunis; Robert
K. Torbush;
Cody Harper; Matthew Clark;
Johnathan Babb;
Nate Hughes; Nicole and
Alejandro Hernandez;
Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Sgt.
Levi Gearhart; Jeremy Weikel;
Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy;
Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock;
SGT Andrew Bauman; B.J.
Dellinger;
Tristan Winter, Wesley Derrick

Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:

- **†** Norman Troutman, Jr., brother of Steve and Shirley, died August 25, 2017
- † Tim Dyer, brother of Jack Dyer, died August 27th
- † Pastor Keith Pittsnogle's father died August 28th
- **†** Sam Harrison died August 30, 2017
 - **†** John Herrington, father of Tom Herrington, died September 4, 2017



A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of Nancy Leighow by:

†Danville High School Class of 1964

†Mary Jane Snyder

†Nan & Rae Leighow

†Sue & Dick Baylor

†Lillian Stahl

+A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of Sam Harrison by: **+**Nancy & Rae Leighow

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+Mary Jane Snyder
+Sue & Dick Baylor
+Earl & Elizabeth Snyder
+Lillian Stahl



Stephen Ministry Caring A message from Ryan Verslusis....

LUKE 22:31-32 Simon, Simon, behold Satan demanded to have you that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you turn gain, strengthen then your brothers and (sisters).

Forgive me Pine St., I left you alone for a time. Forgive me for what I did and didn't do. Ryan.

John 13:14 If then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet.

<u>Stephen ministers</u>, Mary Ann Landi, Darlis Dyer, Alf Bashore, and Lorene Versluis are trained and ready to provide Christ –Care.

Dear Women of the ELCA,

Please accept my personal thanks and that of the staff and Board of Trustees of the Thomas Beaver Free Library to the Federated Missionary Society for the very generous contribution of \$125.00 to the library. It will enable us to continue to provide services to our community of users.

Thank you for your kindness in remembering the library and in helping us in every way possible to fulfil our mission.

Sincerely.

Edward C. Oberholzer, Director, TRFL

October Birthdays

Burrtell Metzger-10/1
Pamela Spicer -10/2
Joanne Fox -10/3
Gail James -10/6
Clifford Getgen-Morgan, Jr
-10/7
Sheila Kuhn -10/10
Izabella Morgan -10/12
George Adams, Jr.- 10/15
Robert Eyer -10/15
Elizabeth Morgan -10/16
Sue Neitz -10/16
Anna Rice -10/17
Linda Diorio -10/20

Sue Neitz -10/16 Tina Hauck-11/14
Anna Rice -10/17 16 — Janna Ward-11
inda Diorio -10/20 19 — Robin Adams22 — Allen Acor, II-

Emily Leighow -10/24
Charles Carr -10/26
Robert Jenkins -10/28

Michael Dennehy -10/29 Robert Koons -10/30

November Birthdays

Emily Curry-11/1 Rae Leighow-11/1 Amy Snover-11/1 2 – David Snover-11/2 5 – Arthur Sticklin-11/5 11 – Nikki Greely-11/11 Christina Hauck-11/11 14 – Thomas Landi-11/14 Irvin Reibsome-11/13 Tina Hauck-11/14 16 – Janna Ward-11/19 19 – Robin Adams-11/19 22 – Allen Acor, II-11/22 23 – Mary Beishline-11/23 24 - Pauline Nedrow11/24 27 – Jaxson Romansik-11/27 28 – Kathy Cashner-11/28

30 – Steven Baylor-11/30

Anniversaries

David & Collen Snover -10/8
Pamela & Daniel Spicer-10/10
Charles & Dawn Carr-10/11
Sarah & Nicholas Klein-10/11
John & Betsy Hack-10/16
Sharron & Robert Eyer-10/18
Kelly & Steve Forney-10/23
Michael & Samantha Eyer-10/23
Sarah & Nathaniel Hughes-10/26
Clara and Harold Hauck (65) -11/8
Mary Ann and Thomas Landi -11/17



Although it has been several months since Marvin's passing, we want to be sure and thank everyone who sent cards, flowers, food and donations. It was greatly appreciated.

God Bless you all, The Fry Family

You

Seafarers Gift Sacks

Seafarers member timber,

Seafarers International House in NYC is a ministry to sefarers that serves the needs of crew members who spend their days on the dangerous oceans so we can enjoy food, clothing timber, iron, and various other products imported overseas daily. Given our heightened "homeland security" many crew members cannot leave their ship. They often work under 9

to 10 month contracts during which time they are completely cut off from their families. In the past, committed Upper Susquehanna servants, like you, have filled many sacks for distribution. This year the goal is 500! Please consider a donation of the following:

- 1 Sweatshirt (Hooded L-XL)
- 3 Pairs of socks (thermal or white gym)
- 1 Casual pull over t-shirt M/L
- 1 knit heavy winter cap
- 1 can of nuts or lg bar of chocolate
- A Christmas card from you, and a message, if you wish

place or names from American culture

*The men enjoy sweatshirts/t-shirts emblazoned with logos of sports teams, NASCAR heroes, other celebrities,

What We Are Looking Forward To...

CROP WALK

October 15 Hess Field Registration 1:00 PM; Walk 1:30 PM

CROP Walks are neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. 25% of the money raised stays in our community, the other 75% will go to help people struggling to feed their families here in our community and around the world. **See Darlis Dyer to join our team!**



FEED A FRIEND Good Samaritan Mission

Feed A Friend is designed to help provide a Thanksgiving meal to those who cannot afford one. You can help by donating canned vegetables, canned soup, boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, and other non-perishable staples, or by giving monetary donations. Simply drop off donations in the Feed Friend Barrel located in the Narthex.

Good Samaritan Mission Center 275-2500



<u>Danville</u> Halloween Parade

Thursday October 26th 7pm Rain date-Sunday October 29th 2pm



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Mission Statement

God's mission for us at Pine Street Lutheran Church is to share our faith, hope, and love through prayer, discipleship, ministry, and worship.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROVIDE THE OFFICE WITH YOUR NEW ADDRESS!

Change of Address - Please Notify Us!

(If you are MOVING or if there is a CHANGE in your MAILING ADDRESS, please notify us.)

It costs the church for each <u>ADDRESS CHANGE</u> we receive through the U.S. Postal Service. Call the church office (570-275-2110) with address changes or complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate at worship. Also, if there is someone you would like to have placed on our mailing list to receive *THE PARISH PRESS* Newsletter, simply call us or complete the form below.

Name		
Address		
City	_ State	_ Zip Code

Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

*Pastor: Vacant
*Organist: Ronald Kline
*Secretary: Nicole Cummins
*Custodian: Caz Morgan



Office Hours:

Monday -Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. **Church Telephone**: 570 – 275 – 2110

Worship Schedule:

9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion 10:30 A.M. Holy Communion Followed by Fellowship Hour